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SUBJECT: CAMEROON AND CUBA ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. GURC SEC GEN FONMIN AND CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA SIGNED AGREEMENT AUGUST 31 IN YAOUNDE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. JOINT COMMUNIQUE SPECIFIED RELATIONS TO BE BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT OF SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. TWO GOVERNMENTS ALSO UNDERTOOK TO CONTRIBUTE TO TOTAL ELIMINATION OF IMPERIALISM IN ALL FORMS AND ESPECIALLY OF COLONIALISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN AFRICA.

2. COMMENT. THIS AGREEMENT REPRESENTS CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS STARTED WHEN CUBAN DELEGATION VISITED YAOUNDE APRIL 18-22. ON THAT OCCASION, EMBOFF LEARNED FROM RELIABLE OFFICIAL SOURCE, GURC SPOKESMEN MADE CLEAR THAT CUBA'S PAST FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD CAMEROONIAN UPC OPPOSITIONISTS

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ABROAD HAD BEEN A MAIN FACTOR PRECLUDING EARLIER DIPLOMATIC

TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. CUBAN DELEGATION REPORTEDLY
GAVE EXPLICIT ASSURANCES CUBA NOW UNDERSTOOD ERROR OF ITS
FORMER POLICY TOWARD CAMEROON AND PLANNED HAVE NOTHING MORE
TO DO WITH THESE OPPOSITION EXILES.
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